

Lethal Weapon



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A Crash May Be A Crime



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Crash to Crime

Biggest Limiting Factor

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**Lack of Proper
Investigation**





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How Do You Find Out What Happened?

- **Police-Prosecutor Teams**

Police-Prosecutor Teams



- **Proper & Complete Investigation**
- **Complete collection of evidence**
- **Correct charging decisions**
- **Early Victim Assistance**
- **Increase conviction rate**

Who Should Be on Team?



- **Team Supervisor**
- **Primary/Secondary Crash Reconstructionist**
- **Interview Specialist**
- **DUI/DRE Investigator**
- **Prosecutor**
- **ABC Investigator**

Law Enforcement Role

- **Freeze Scene**
- **Impound Vehicle**
- **Collect evidence of impairment**
- **Interview Witnesses**
- **Collision Reconstruction**



Prosecutor Role



- **Respond to Scene**
- **Address Legal Issues**
- **Learn from the Investigators**
- **Begin to chart the course of the prosecution**
- **Screen & File Charges**

Prosecutor's Role

- **Get familiar with it!**
 - **Easier to relate it to the jury**
 - **Better understanding of the evidence**
- **Start anticipating defense arguments!**



Prosecutor's Role



- **DON'T:**
 - **Touch or collect evidence**
 - **Take photographs**
 - **Interview witnesses**
 - **Go anywhere without a police officer**
 - **Make yourself a witness!!!**

Prosecutor's Role

- **DO:**

- **Ask Questions of Reconstructionist**
- **Get to know his/her work**
- **How did the crash happen?**
- **What do tire marks & other evidence indicate?**



Prosecutor's Role



- **After Initial At-Scene**
 - **Debrief with Officers**
 - **Ensure all evidence was collected**
 - **Ensure all witnesses interviewed**
 - **Chart the Course**

It All Starts With Training



“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.”

-- Goethe



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Lethal Weapon Overview

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What is a Traffic Crash?

The unintended act of a motor vehicle on a roadway that causes damage or injury.

As law Enforcement how do we treat Traffic Crashes and why?



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We must Change Attitudes.

Lethal Weapon and the International Association of Accident
Reconstruction Specialists teamed together.

The need to be on the same page when discussing crashes



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Prosecutors and Crash Reconstructionists training together to
learn together.

Just talking in the same language helps.

Skid vs. Scuff



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Traffic Collision Investigation and Reconstruction has become a specialized field.

When testifying in court foundations must be laid before conclusions may be offered.

The Officer and the Prosecutor have to work together and not try and out guess each other.



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By training together we are able to work closely together and understand each others role.

Examples.

How fast was the vehicle traveling?

It's a mark on the road!



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What instrument was used to get that measurement?

Coefficient of Friction vs. Drag Factor

Black Box technology

Search Warrants



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What we did in 2009 at the Lethal Weapon and IAARS conference.

We trained together



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International Association of Accident Reconstruction Specialists

29th Annual Conference - September 14-17, 2009 - Meridian, Idaho



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What's Next?

We would like to offer customized training for both Prosecutors and Investigators to accomplish a cohesive Investigation and Prosecution of a Traffic Collision Event

We need your assistance in producing this product.